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Formal Programs Begin

THE FUTURE OF NUMISMATICS--HENCE THE FUTURE OF ANA--LIES IN JUNIORS AND EDUCATION

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FOUR FORUMS TODAY AND FRIDAY
JUNIOR SESSION TODAY, FRIDAY
(See Official Program for Dates, times, Meeting Rooms, Articles)

A strengthened educational wing of A. N. A. presents four Forums, three of them innovations.

The Counterfeit Forum, headed up by Virgil Hancock, and his hand-picked team of experts, will perform the very valuable service of saving you money by steering you away from buying phonies.

Rated by the handicappers as a sure fire addition to the A. N. A. Forum grouping.

A second Forum to be held Thursday is an old standby--The Educational Forum--conducted by Jackson Bennett. Full story is in the program.

Friday's early birds can learn what fun coin club life can be. Reference is to the National Coin Week Forum, conducted by Mrs. Virginia Bronson. Homework was the tool that built a place for this vital phase of numismatics in the Forum Foursome.

Another is the Exhibiting/Judging Forum, moderated by Virginia Culver. If you own nice coins, one day you will want to display them. Why not short-cut the trials and errors and let the pros keep you on exhibiting fairway while eliminating hooks and slices.

JUNIOR NUMISMATICS

Hard working Mrs. Hazel Lindstrom offers two sessions.

First is today. Seniors who wonder how they can help junior collectors are invited to attend. Experts will advise on how, when and where to help, wherever you live. (see separate story)

Friday is the big whingding, just for youthful collectors. Impressive achievements and long strides have been made by future A. N. A. ers. (see separate story)

A 30 YEAR CONVENTION COMPARISON

The weather during the A. N. A. Convention of 30 years ago (1937 Washington) was almost identical to that we are experiencing here in Miami. However, the similarity virtually ends with the weather. (1937 hotel was not air-conditioned)

First...there were no bourse tables at Washington...the commercial activity consisting of a single session auction. The big dealers, such as B. Max Mehl, rented suites and showed coins to prospective buyers by advance appointment. Of course there was vest-pocket trading and dealing in the corridors.

Exhibits were not competitive and displayed very little documentation. Usually the exhibitor merely laid coins on the marked envelopes used to house them.

The convention opened on Saturday and closed Thursday noon. Business

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sessions were long and often sprinkled with heated debate as much of the business of the A. N. A. was decided upon. Even very minor routine business was subject to a vote on the convention floor.

Bus tours to local points of interest was a big thing - almost every afternoon. Everyone went on the tours and before the convention closed everyone knew everyone else.

Surprisingly enough at this Miami convention - 30 years later - at least a dozen members are in attendance who also attended the 1937 gathering. They include: Clifford Lendall, A. Hepner, William A. Philpott, M. Vernon Sheldon, John and Opal Morris Harry X Boosel, Louis S. Werner, A. Kosoff, Max M. Schwartz, James Kelly and Lee F. Hewitt.

THE YOUNG NUMISMATISTS OF A. N. A.

By Hazel Lindstrom,
Co-Chairman

This past year we have had 200 juniors join A. N. A. We now have 36 states in which there is adult supervision--with the promise of more to come.

In National Coin Week, we produced 3 winners, two honorary mentions.

We have had two Literary Awards winners; one being the Lewis Regan Literary Award, given to advanced writers. This went to J. Sherrod Taylor, of Moultrie, Georgia.

Gary Drackenberg, of Raymondville, Texas, won the A. N. A. Young Numismatist Literary Award.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK EXHIBIT AREA

By Virginia Bronson,
Co-Chairman

Have you stopped by the National Coin Week Exhibit Area? Please do so, to examine the scrapbook depicting thousands of hours of work (and fun) by A. N. A. individuals and clubs.

Without a doubt, National Coin Week is the A. N. A.'s most effective link with John Q. Public.

Moving to the Forum Friday morning, Virginia Culver will speak on exhibiting for NCW. Ed Rochette tells the audience how to obtain publicity. Help your club, by having fun yourself.

"50 CLUB:" ANA ATTENDANCE RACE, or the G R E A T 50 State Handicap

Object, to see how fast your 76th attendance reacnes all 50 states.
To play, use your 1967 Official Program, compiling a list of states NOT MENTIONED in Program. If your name, that of a friend, or a newcomer you collar qualifies, proceed as follows:

Go to AMERICANA(not ANA)registration desk. List, on hotel stationary, pertinent name, room number and state. Have it stamped with date and hour of delivery there.

If you are first, your name or your friend or the newcomer's, will appear in next day's Spirit of 76th.

Your Reward(one to a customer): Spare copy of the 1967 Official Program, plus four Green Stamps--a $1.234 value. For last state needed, same deal. plus 6 more Green Stamps--a $1.24 value!!! Join the "50 club."

FIRST RETURNS IN--10 MORE STATES HEARD FROM--IS YOURS ONE OF THE (no.?) MISSING: Will the following winners present this newspaper to Mrs. Helen Griswold, at the Registration Desk for their free copies of the 1967 Official Program.

H. P. Spier	Greenville, Ala.	R. Kent Oram	Las Vegas, Nev.
F. J. Pivarnick	New Castle, Del.	John Green	Oklahoma City, Okla.
E. E. Bouchard	Brunswick, Me.	Russ Tennett	Cranston, R. I.
Vernon Marshall	Baltimore, Md.	Hal Calish	Danville, Va.
Lon Crawford	Long Beach, Miss.	Lester Bernstein	Charleston, W. Va.